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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MINERBI COMMENTS ON SIMONET VISIT

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1. AMBASSADOR ITZHAK MINERBI, DIRECTOR OF THE MFA
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EUROPEAN DIVISION, CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION GIVEN US
BY THE BELGIANS (REFTEL) AND EXPRESSED GOI SATISFACTION
WITH THE VISIT OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET. HE
ADMITTED THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRIOR CONCERN THAT
SIMONET WOULD SIMPLY REITERATE THE STANDARD
CRITICAL LINE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TOWARD
ISRAEL, AND ORIGINALLY FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN HAD

PLANNED TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE SIMONET IN THE PAST HAD BEEN CONSIDERED SYMPATHETIC TOWARD ISRAEL, DAYAN DECIDED FROM THE BEGINNING TO WELCOME HIM IN A CONCILIATORY SPIRIT AND SIMONET RESPONDED IN THE SAME WAY.

2. MINERBI EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE BELGIANS NOW SEEM TO HAVE MUTED THEIR CRITICISM OF ISRAEL AND SEEM TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT FLEXIBILITY HAS TO BE A TWO-WAY AFFAIR. HE SAID THAT AS LONG AS SADAT AND THE ARABS ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS OFFERED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OR HAVE NOT OFFERED ALTERNATE PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDE A REALISTIC BASE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THE CHARGES OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE OR THE LACK OF INTEREST IN PEACE IS BIASED AND UNWARRANTED. MINERBI SPECULATED WHETHER THIS NEW TREND RESULTED FOR US EFFORTS TO MUTE TEMPORARILY ANY ME INITIATIVES ON THE PART OF THE EUROPEANS.

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